

## Why Join “OUR CLUB?”

You may ask yourself “**What is our club all about?**”

**OUR CLUB** is about many things and **OUR CLUB** has accomplished a lot within the few years of existence!

**OUR CLUB** is about developing friendships. These friendships are forged by individuals with similar interests, likes and dislikes, getting together and participating in a number of different activities. **OUR CLUB** is about working together, building a team and using the power of synergism to accomplish more and more. **OUR CLUB** is about individuals having the opportunity to discuss topics, promote ideas and become part of something.

This “something” happened just a few years ago with the formation of the Highland Lake Snowmobile and Outdoor Recreation Club, Inc. A few people had an idea and that idea grew. Yes. **OUR CLUB** has had some growing pains, but that can only make us stronger!

Our By-Laws define our purpose and our mission statement. We are to serve the interest of snowmobilers, ATV and outdoor recreational enthusiasts, to defend against discriminatory legislation, to promote a greater interest in snowmobiling, AT-Ving and various other outdoor recreational interests among all local outdoor enthusiasts, to provide a medium for the exchange of snowmobiling, AT-Ving and other recreational information, to own or to lease property for club uses, and to develop more adequate trails for snowmobiling, AT-Ving and other outdoor interests.

Lets look back over the past two years. First, we came together and developed our goals. We created By-Laws to govern our organization and established meeting nights. We started with jus a few members and in just a couple of months, the word spread and our membership started to grow. We established committees and officers. We organized events like Winterfest, Summerfest, Poker Runs and the King of the Mountain races. We obtained trail insurance and event liability insurance. We set up bank accounts and developed a membership newsletter. We set out and developed trails on Highland Manor Property. We ran GPS over the trails and are currently working on a trail map. We organized and became part of the Loyalsock Forest Volunteers, cleared trails on State Land. We developed a positive working relationship with DCNR. We became part of the Pennsylvania State Snowmobile Association (PSSA). We have been headlined on the front cover of the PSSA newspaper and have been praised and promoted by the PSSA. We send members to attend PSSA functions. Our relationship with PSSA paved the way for us to work with State Government.

All this in turn helped **OUR CLUB** do almost the impossible. We lobbied for and have been granted \$90,000 from DCNR and \$15,000 from Senator Madigan for a trail study. This trail study is the beginning of hopefully something HUGE for our imediate area. However, the wheels of progress move slowly in the government levels. We have been taught a lesson or two on being patient, but steady in our efforts. We are still learning how to bring the various and different levels of government together so that future goals can be accomplished.

**OUR CLUB** has purchased a snowmobile and a pull-behind trail groomer. We have purchased numerous supplies for our various events. We have purchased a storage trailer used during our special events. We have a professional sign board display of our business sponsorships that are set up at all of our events.

**OUR CLUB** has developed rules and regulations for ATV riding on Manor land. We have worked with the Highland Manor Board of Directors on various topics. All for the continued positive promotion of outdoor activities.

**OUR CLUB** continues to look for new and exciting ways to serve the interests of our membership. We have provided guest speakers at our membership meetings and plan to invite more speakers to talk on topics that are of interest to the members.

As you can see, **OUR CLUB** is here for **YOU!** Without **YOU**, there is no club. We, the Board of Directors, personally ask each and every member to become more involved with **OUR CLUB**. Speak up and be heard, do not just sit back. Sign up for committees, run for an elected office, help out at the club events. Share your thoughts and ideas, help promote and grow this great organization. Sign your friends up as new members and please remember to renew your membership. **OUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!**